SI. No.	State/UT	2002	2006(Prov.)
22.	Manipur	632	80
23.	Meghalaya	0	0
24.	Mizoram	14	4
25.	Nagaland	87	NA
26.	Orissa	88	116
27.	Pondicherry	140	NA
28.	Punjab	59	239
29.	Rajasthan	292	302
30	Sikkim	2	0
31.	Tamil Nadu	9101	11481
32.	Tripura	5	0
33.	Uttar Pradesh	359	685
34.	Uttaranchal	5	0
35.	West Bengal	969	0
	TOTAL:	23225	29851

Smoking among teens

82. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that smoking rates in many developing countries are on the rise, particularly among teenagers that annual death toll would rise to 8.3 million within the next 20 years; and

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to introduce measures such as aggressive taxation, banning cigarette advertising and making offices and public places totally tobacco-free so that deaths due to smoking may be minimised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) WHO has estimated that the smoking rates is rising in many developing countries & annual death toll is likely to rise to 8.3 million, within next 20 years.

(b) The Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce,Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003 provides for prohibition of advertisement of tobacco products. The Act also prohibits any person from smoking in a public place, which has been defined as any place where the public have access and includes public offices, hospitals, railway waiting rooms, educational institutions, work place etc.

As regards taxation of tobacco products, for the year 2006-07, excise duty on cigarettes has been increased by about 5% and there has been increase in the excise duty for bidis from Rs. 12 to Rs. 14 per thousand for hand made bidis and from Rs, 22 to Rs. 26 per thousand for other bidis.